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About 4 a. m. on the 28th I began boarding smacks accompanied by Inspector Browder, but many of them attempted to get away and more than half of them escaped before I could board them and went to sea.

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Two vessels boarded were the *Padre de Dios* and the *Nueva Floryda*, they both had certificates of disinfection and were evidently trying to escape for fear that their aguardiente would be seized. The other vessels boarded were the *Antonio Suarez*, from Havana, July 10, crew of 8 men, with certificate of disinfection. The *Cuba*, from Havana, July 11, crew of 7 men, inspected and passed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick. *Mascot*, from Havana, July 11, crew of 8 men, inspected and passed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick. *Isla de Cuba*, from Havana, July 11, crew of 7 men, inspected and passed by Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick. *Antonio y Paco*, from Havana, July 19, certificate of disinfection. *Clotilde*, from Havana, July 17, crew of 6 men, certificate of disinfection. *Carmen*, from Havana, July 9, crew of 7 men, certificate of disinfection. *Juan Capdebou*, from Havana, July 9, crew of 8 men, certificate of disinfection. *Emelio*, crew of 6 men, from Havana, July 13, certificate of disinfection. All others got off to sea before I could board them.

At 6 a. m. the *McLane* got under way and headed south evidently having seen neither the *Bratton* nor the smacks, and by 7 a. m. was out of sight in the direction of Port Tampa.

At night the weather got bad again and several smacks returned and anchored near us, but no attempt was made to board them as the sea was too high.

On the morning of the 29th, however, I began boarding at daylight, and the following were inspected: *Maria de los Angeles*, from Havana, July 10; crew of 7 men; certificate of disinfection. *Antonio Casteleiro*, from Havana, July 16; crew of 6 men; certificate of disinfection. *Antonio Barba*, from Havana, July 20; crew of 8 men; certificate of disinfection. *Angela Alvarez*, from Havana, July 14; crew of 8 men; certificate of disinfection. *Juanita Caballo*, from Havana, July 20; crew of 7 men; certificate of disinfection. Upon the completion of this work, the *Bratton* was got under way and headed for Port Tampa, where she arrived at 1 p. m.

Respectfully, G. M. CORPUT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Further concerning enteric fever in Charleston, S. C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., *August 1, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 12th ultimo in regard to the recent outbreak of enteric fever in this city, I have to state that in the latter part of July there was an increase of the disease, so that the total number of new cases reported during that month was 90, and 8 deaths.

Respectfully, JNO. VANSANT,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Status of smallpox in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that since my letter of the 23d instant no new cases of smallpox have been reported. Four patients have been discharged from the smallpox hospital, cured. There is,